

S-468  
Edward D. Waters House  
Lower Hill  
Private

c. 1900

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Edward D. Waters House

MHT Inventory Number: S-468

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
Industrial/Urban Dominance  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-468

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic EDWARD D. WATERS HOUSE

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 23387 Davy Lane ☐ not for publication

city, town Lower Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George T. and Cassalena Young Bivens

street & number 23387 Davy Lane telephone no.:

city, town Westover state and zip code Maryland 21871

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 148

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 593

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Edward D. Waters house stands at 27387 Davy Lane in the historic black community of Lower Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces north with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1890-1900, the two-story, two-bay side hall/parlor frame dwelling is supported by a low brick pier foundation covered with metal sheathing. The house is uniformly clad with vinyl siding, and a medium sloped asphalt shingle roof is finished with extended eaves and sloped soffits. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing.

The north (main) elevation is a two-story, two-bay facade with a side entrance marked by a four-panel door. A two-over-two marks the bay to the right. The second floor is lighted by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. Rising through the roof is a single-flue brick stove chimney finished with a corbelled cap.

The east and west gable ends are largely alike with a pair of two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors. The eaves to the roof extend slightly beyond the plane of the gable end wall and are boxed.

The south (rear) wall is largely covered by a two-story, two-bay by one room ell service wing, which is extended on two sides. A shed roofed enclosed porch is attached to the west side and a single-story gable roofed addition is attached to the back of the kitchen.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

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Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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EDWARD D. WATERS HOUSE  
27387 Davy Lane  
Lower Hill, Somerset County, Maryland

296/37 James David Jones  
Flossie W. Jones

to

9/1/1976                      George T. Bivens  
                                    Cassalena Young  
                                    1/3 acre

268/361 Flossie W. Jones

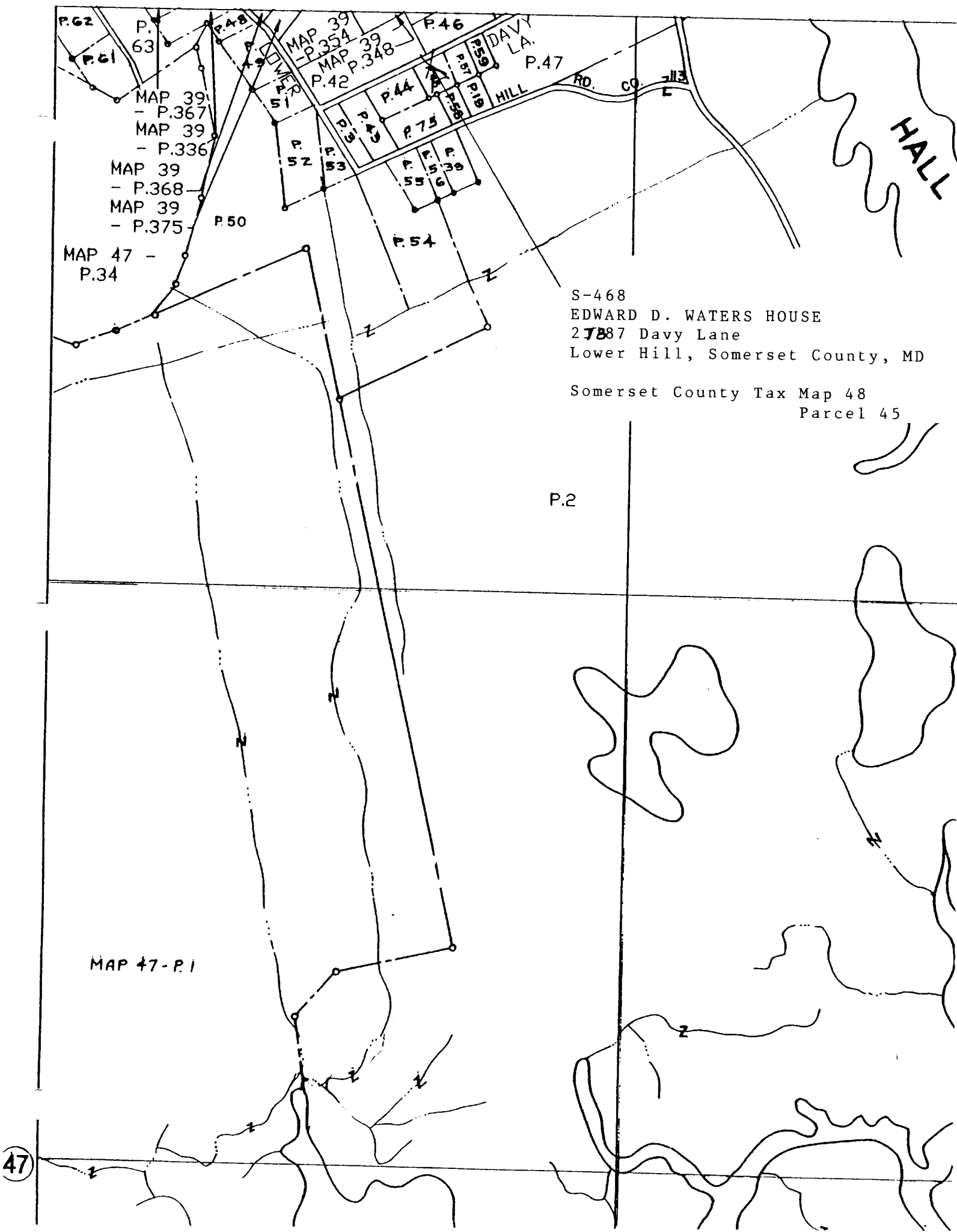
to

9/28/1972 James David Jones

84 / 383 Edward D. Waters

to

6/11/1921                      Emory D. Waters  
(Being also the same lot of ground which by  
deed 6/1/1944 BLB 127/314 conveyed the  
property to Flossie W. Jones 1/3 acre)



HALL

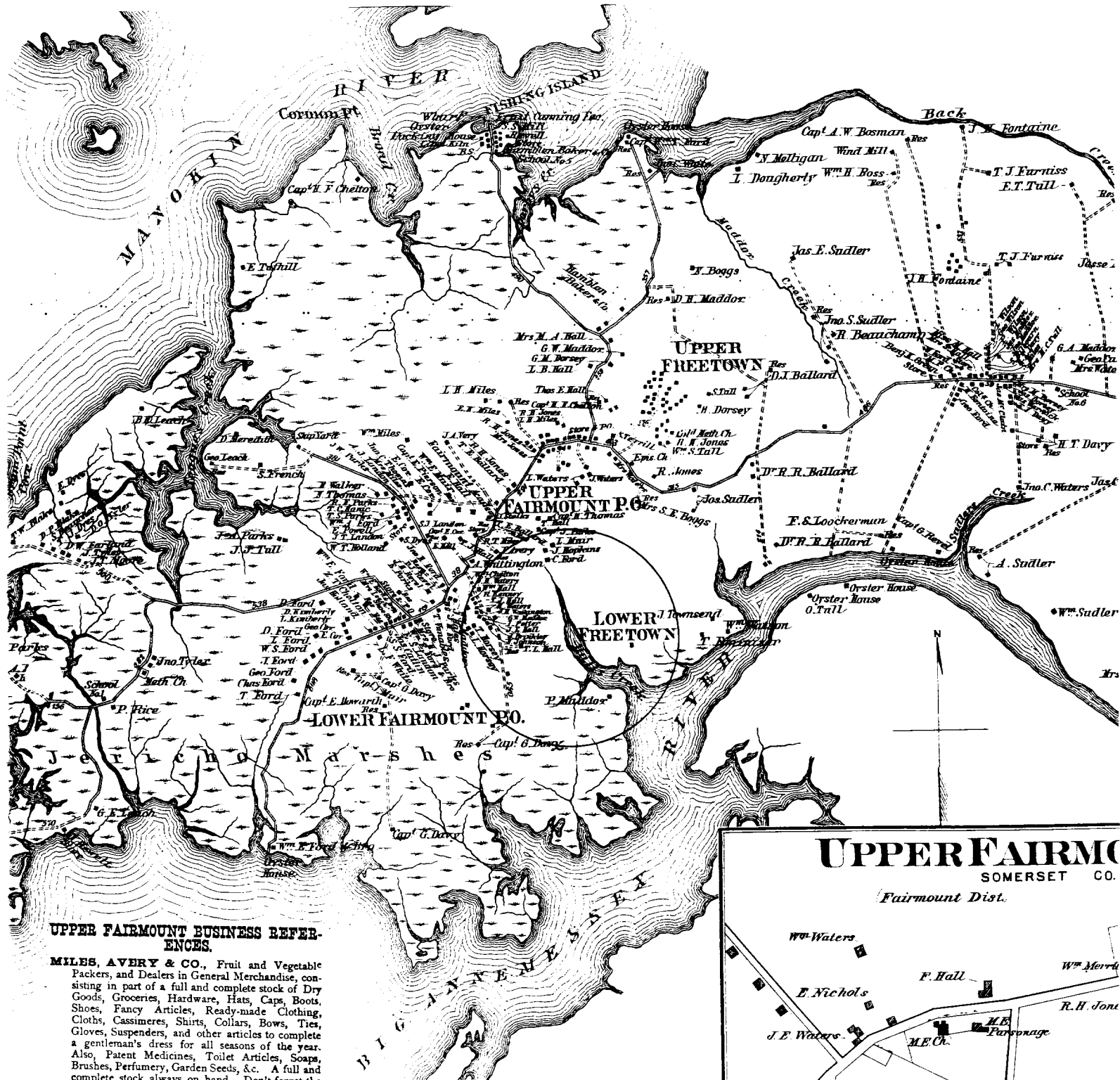
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EDWARD D. WATERS HOUSE  
27887 Davy Lane  
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Somerset County Tax Map 48  
Parcel 45

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MAP 47-P.1





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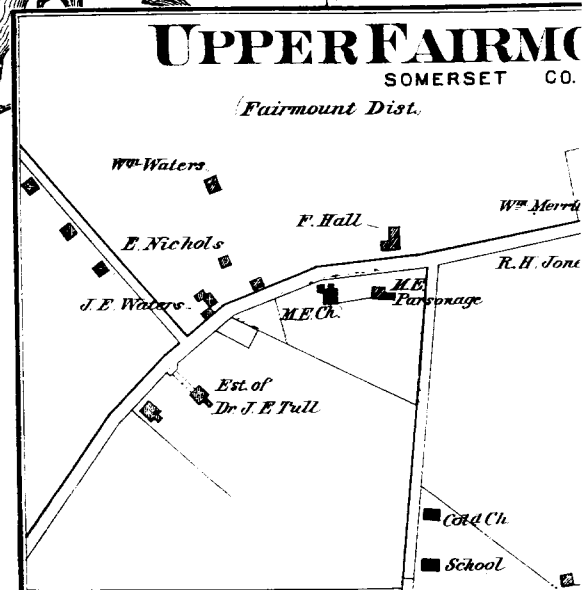
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LOWER HILL, SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.  
NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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